

# **SNOW DELAYS OR CLOSINGS**

First and foremost, when the weather stations on either television or radio are calling for bad weather after school has started and during the course of the day, **PLEASE DO NOT automatically call the school office to see if we are closing early**. Stay tuned to your local weather station for information on early dismissals. We realize that our parents are concerned for their children's safety when they hear that "bad weather" is headed our way. However, we are waiting for information from the various school districts who transport our children and when calls are made to our office prematurely, it ties up the phone lines.

St. Leo the Great School will observe the snow delays and/or closings announced by the Hempfield School District. A separate announcement for St. Leo's School may not be made.

If Hempfield is closed for the day, St. Leo's is also closed for the day. If Hempfield has a two-hour delay, St. Leo's will also have a two-hour delay.

If you reside in a school district other than Hempfield and your children ride the bus, you need to follow the schedule of the **school district transporting your children** in the event of a delay or closing. If the school district in which you reside is closed, but St. Leo's School is not closed, you are responsible for transporting your child to and from school if possible. If (1) the school district in which you reside is closed and (2) your children depend solely on the school bus to transport them to and from school and (3) you are not able to bring your children to school by other means, they will receive an excused absence.

If it is necessary to close our school early, we will follow whatever Hempfield does. If the school district in which you reside is not Hempfield and your children ride the bus home from school, students from those school districts will be supervised at St. Leo's School until their buses arrive and those students will be dismissed according to the schedule being followed by their respective school district transportation departments.

If you want your child to ride home with anyone else we **must** have your **written permission** or they will not be allowed to do so. If some districts dismiss early and others do not, students **will not be permitted** to use the telephone to call you and try to make alternative arrangements. Please remember that school districts **will not** permit students from another district to ride their buses.

If you want to be contacted directly in the event of an early dismissal due to weather conditions, please send your request **in writing** to the school office. If you have specific instructions for your child to follow in the event of an early dismissal due to weather conditions, please send these instructions in writing to the school office as well at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing guidelines, please feel free to call the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.